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For: DIAMINE HAVING QUINOXALINE UNIT,
POLYIMIDE PRECURSOR, POLYIMIDE AND
USE THEREOF

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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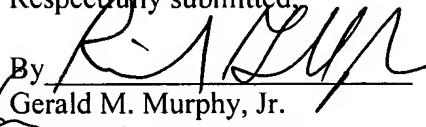
On December 16, 2005, Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement which included an International Search Report (ISR). Applicants submit herewith a copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability, which refers to documents cited in the International Search Report.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact Richard Gallagher,
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Applicant's or agent's file reference FAP-3877	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Form PCT/IPEA/416
International application No. PCT/JP2004/008789	International filing date (day/month/year) 16.06.2004	Priority date (day/month/year) 17.06.2003
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC		
Applicant NISSAN CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.		

1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.
3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

 - international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:
 pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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the claims:
 nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
 nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:
 sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

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 - the description, pages _____
 - the claims, nos. _____
 - the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 - the sequence listing (specify): _____
 - any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

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 - the description, pages _____
 - the claims, nos. _____
 - the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: WO 02/103825 A1 (Showa Denko Kabushiki Kaisha), 27 December 2002, abstract and claims

Document 2: JP 2001-35494 A (NEC Corp.), 09 February 2001, examples

Document 3: JP 2-269124 A (Director General of the Agency of Industrial Science and Technology), 02 November 1990, claims

Document 4: EP 420417 A1 (International Business Machines Corp.), 03 April 1991, entire text

Document 5: JP 6-316635 A (SRI International), 15 November 1994, abstract, claims and paragraph [0001]

The inventions set forth in claims 1 to 13 are not disclosed in any of documents 1 to 5, which are cited in the international search report, and would not have been obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Documents 1 to 4 disclose quinoxaline compounds with base skeleton structures that are identical or similar to those of the compounds represented by formula (1) from the inventions set forth in the present application, and also disclose polymers thereof. However,

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documents 1 to 4 do not disclose or suggest configurations in which the aforementioned quinoxaline compounds are diamines, and said polymers are not polyimides that can be obtained by reacting a diamine and a tetracarboxylic acid component. In addition, document 5 discloses liquid crystal polymers that have quinoxaline skeletons, but the structures thereof are different from those of the compounds from the inventions set forth in the present application. Meanwhile, the inventions set forth in the present application can be said to exhibit an effect whereby it is possible to provide polymers that exhibit charge carrier transport properties in addition to superior heat resistance characteristics, coating strength characteristics and thin film formation properties as a result of introducing a specific quinoxaline skeleton into the main chain of the polyimide.